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The Beckham show arrives

Vancouver Whitecaps defeat Los Angeles Galaxy 2-1

By **JEFF CUMMINGS**
Metro Edmonton

Beckham mania hit Alberta's capital like a prairie thunderstorm yesterday as England's soccer superstar thrilled more than 37,000 fans at Commonwealth Stadium.

David Beckham's name drew an explosion of cheers as he was introduced for the friendly match between the Vancouver Whitecaps and the Los Angeles Galaxy.

Beckham drew an assist in a 2-1 Galaxy loss and played most of the game despite having an injured foot.

"I'm sure they're satisfied," Beckham said in an interview after the game.

Even when he landed at Edmonton International Airport Monday, the city was abuzz and Beckham was pleased with Edmonton's welcome and the turnout.

"That's obviously a good for the game and a good thing for the

Galaxy."

During the pre-game warm up, hundreds of fans lined up vying for his attention, and at one point a woman yelled, "Beckham, I love you!"

"C'mon, look at him, he is just gorgeous," said 17-year-old Chasidy Yanda who lined up along the front end of the stands with her friends to get a closer look at the superstar.

"He's so hot."

A family wearing Beckham's jerseys drove over 500 km from Spirit River, Alta., just to see their favourite player in Edmonton.

"I was so excited when I heard the news that he was coming here," said Joshua Kosabeck who was almost speechless when asked about his favourite player.

"I am just so amazed that he is standing right there," said 19-year-old fan Leanne Evans, who admitted she likes Beckham's soccer skills, along with his good looks.

"I just want to get out there and hug him."

England recently selected Beckham to play with the national squad again. —jeff.cummings@metronews.ca



David Beckham stoops to check on an injured teammate at Commonwealth Stadium last night. Inset: Fans at Commonwealth show their devotion to Los Angeles Galaxy star David Beckham.

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Though the days of the drive-in theatre are gone, movie-lovers can still catch a flick outdoors. This Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m., Churchill Square hosts a three-storey inflatable movie screen. Snacks are available, admission is free but guests must bring their own chairs. On tap are Hitch, Alvin and the Chipmunks and The Karate Kid. **METRO EDMONTON**



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Cop attack shocks school

Former Eastglen students charged

By **VICTORIA HANDYSIDES**
Metro Edmonton

School officials at Eastglen High were still in a state of shock yesterday after a savage attack on a city police school resource officer.

Two former students, Cory Royer, 18, and David Patton, 20, have been charged in con-

serious charges

» Police spokeswoman Karen Carlson said that the pair face a list of serious charges, including assaulting a peace officer, resisting arrest and possession of an offensive weapon.

nection with the brutal beating, which sent the officer to hospital with serious injuries to his mouth and face.

"This wasn't the kind of

behaviour we saw from these guys when they were here," said school principal Dale Skoreyko.

Just as students were let out for lunch on Monday, a school resource officer attempted to stop a driver who was stunting on the street north of the school near 118 Avenue. The officer tried to arrest the driver of the vehicle and a struggle began. Police say the officer was kicked

in the head by the passenger of the car, who was holding a baseball bat.

The officer was able to pepper-spray the driver and was assisted in subduing the two by a male teacher who saw the attack.

"Can you imagine getting pulled over, standing up and shoving the police officer? In my mind, it makes no sense at all," Skoreyko said.

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Licence stripped

Police frequently sent to Windmill

By **ANDREW COWIE**
for Metro Edmonton

A notorious south-side bar is on the ropes.

The city has revoked the business licence of the Windmill Bar and Grill in Millbourne shopping mall.

Sgt. Gary Godziuk of the Public Safety Compliance Team said yesterday police were frequently sent to the Windmill, receiving 67 calls last year alone.

"[The calls] were for stabbings, to possession of weapons, to a bear-spray incident to a large-scale fight," said Godziuk.

The Public Safety Compliance team requested a review — problems ranged from insufficient security to the bar having a negative effect on the neighbourhood — and the licence was stripped.

If the bar owners appeal and it goes through, Godziuk said the Windmill would still have to fix some of the problems, such as hiring well-trained security staff.

appeal

» The bar owners have 14 days to appeal; from there the case will be brought before a standing committee of City Council which will decide the bar's fate.

It's as simple as B&E

Cops offer easy tips to stop crime

By **ANDREW COWIE**
for Metro Edmonton

Sometimes the easiest solution can be the best solution.

Lock your car.

Police simulated a vehicle break-in as part of Crime Prevention Week, showing not only how quickly a thief can come and go but also demonstrating that something as simple as locking

doors will deter theft.

"The majority of [targeted] cars are left unlocked and running," said Det. Chip Sawchuk. "That's the number one [reason] cars are stolen."

"Theft for profit isn't our major problem in the city; our major problem is people that don't keep their cars secured," he said.

Sawchuk said that along with locking up the vehicle, deterrents like The Club help with steering thieves away, and that education would



A city police officer re-enacts a car theft outside MacCauley School east of downtown yesterday.

help with keeping the number of stolen cars down.

"It's important because we

want to get out to the public that we have a major problem with auto theft," he said.

» news In Brief

» **CHARGES** More charges have been laid against the officer whose BMW ran into a truck at 75 Street and Whitemud Drive early Sunday. Const. Douglas Kurtis Brown is now charged with five counts of impaired driving causing bodily harm, five counts of dangerous

driving causing bodily harm and one count of driving with a blood alcohol level over the legal limit. The number of charges rose after further medical assessment of the three people injured in the truck and two injured in the car. Brown's court date is set for June 3. **METRO EDMONTON**

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The Canadian Taxpayers Federation will hold its 10th annual Gas Tax Honesty Day with news conferences across Canada this morning. The day was created to educate Canadians on the taxes they pay at the pumps and to pressure government to put those taxes towards road construction. METRO EDMONTON

Acquitted man takes the stand

Briscoe claims accused was on top of victim

By JEFF CUMMINGS
Metro Edmonton

While he said he can only remember flashes of what happened the night Nina Courtepatte was brutally murdered, Michael Briscoe says he saw one of the people accused in a murder trial on top of the victim.

Of five people charged in the sex assault and murder, only Briscoe has been acquitted, so far. He was testifying at the trial of a 19-year-old woman who was 16 when Courtepatte was killed. She is charged with first-degree

sentence

» Stephanie Bird, who was given a 12-year prison sentence for manslaughter last week, can now be legally identified because she was sentenced as an adult. Bird was 17 during the attack April 3, 2005.

murder, sexual assault and kidnapping.

"(Joseph Laboucan) asked (the accused) to do something to her, something like cutting her throat," said Briscoe who would sometimes stop in the middle of sentences because he told court his memory "was toast."

The woman is the last of the five people who have

been charged in the death of Courtepatte to face trial. The teen was brutally murdered on a golf course west of Edmonton after being lured from West Edmonton Mall.

Laboucan and Michael Williams are currently serving life sentences for their part in the crime.

Briscoe says he couldn't remember what the woman was doing on top of Courtepatte and he told court that he had a hard time seeing things since it was so dark when the teen was killed.

Briscoe said he remembered seeing knives, along with watching the teen brutally attacked by Laboucan.

The trial continues.

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An aerial examination

City plans bid for 2015 Universiade

By VICTORIA HANDYSIDES
Metro Edmonton

Watchful eyes flew through city skies yesterday morning, as two helicopters chauffeured officials who will ultimately decide if Edmonton will host a major sporting event in 2015.

"Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) is delighted that Edmonton has signaled its interest in being a Canadian bid city for the 2015 Universiade Games," said CIS CEO Marg McGregor.

In their time in Edmonton, CIS representatives spent time reviewing proposed business plans, budgets and facilities. McGregor said it was important for her and her colleagues to walk away sharing the vision U of A offi-



Representatives from CIS, the City of Edmonton and the U of A leave their helicopters and walk across Foote Field to greet media.

cials have for the 2015 games, and the partnership that could be struck between the two organizations.

"It's quite impressive to see the number of recreational facilities and parks from 500 feet in the air," McGregor said. "Clearly the founders of the city had great vision to carve out that much recreational space for athletics."

Representatives from the University of Alberta feel

they're in pole position when stacking up Edmonton's sporting facilities against other Canadian cities.

Though there are no other cities in contention for the summer games at the moment, Quebec City has put in a bid for the 2015 winter games. CIS officials will have to pick between the two, and will make their decision within a year.

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Canada's last surviving WWI veteran, who lost his citizenship when he moved to the U.S. nearly 90 years ago, has become a Canadian again. John Babcock, 107, left, took the oath of citizenship in his Washington home yesterday.

SOURCE: CBC.CA

study

Sweet tooth linked to gene variant

HEALTH Cake and cola and cookie lovers may well be able to blame their cravings on a common variant of a gene that controls the brain's ability to sense sugars in the body, a new University of Toronto study suggests. About one in five people has the variant. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



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Cancer awareness **Striking a pose**



Kas Pavanantharajh, 19, left, Ashley Kroening, 25, centre, and Dennis Ryan, 26, strike a pose to raise awareness about cancers below the waist. The B.C. Cancer Foundation's Underwear Affair race is scheduled for July 12 and helps fund research into colorectal, bladder, prostate and ovarian cancers.

B.C. helicopter crash kills four

Chopper goes down in Cranbrook

A pedestrian was among four people killed when a helicopter crashed into a residential neighbourhood in Cranbrook, B.C., yesterday.

The helicopter with three people on board appeared to hover as if looking for a landing spot before it crashed onto a street and burst into flames, according to officials and witnesses.

Witnesses told local media the pedestrian appeared to have been dragged by the

helicopter as it crashed to the ground, and bystanders attempted to pull the person from the flames but failed.

The cause of the crash was not immediately known, but the weather conditions were described as good.

The Bell 206 helicopter was working under contract for BC Hydro, the provincial electrical utility, according to the Transportation Safety Board, which was sending investigators to the community about 200 km southwest of Calgary. **REUTERS**



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Death toll hits 13,000

Chinese officials fear the worst as 60,000 missing

The death toll in China's earthquake climbed past 13,000 yesterday and looked set to rise much higher after media said some 19,000 people were buried in rubble in just one area.

Rain and severed roads hampered rescuers in the mountainous area near the epicentre of Monday's 7.9-magnitude quake in the southwestern province of Sichuan, China's worst earthquake in three decades.

State media reported devastation as troops reached stricken villages near the epicentre in Wenchuan, a remote county cut off by landslides about 100 kilometres northwest of the provincial capital, Chengdu.

Officials have said more powerful aftershocks could hit the region and mudslides may add to the toll where 60,000 people were unaccounted for.

More than 50,000 troops joined disaster relief efforts or were advancing to the



A Chinese rescue worker walks past destroyed houses and cars yesterday. A top disaster official said storms were hampering rescue efforts in the most devastated areas.



no foreign casualties

- » China said there had been no reports of foreign casualties.
- » Olympic officials assured foreigners China was safe. A minute's silence will start each stop of the domestic torch relay and celebrations will be scaled down.

area.

The Chinese air force said 6,500 troops were parachuted into hard-hit areas

where rain and clouds had prevented military helicopters from landing.

Analysts said they did not

expect serious economic effects from the disaster, but supply shortages could fuel inflation — already at a near 12-year high.

China's benchmark stock index ended down yesterday and trading in the shares of 66 companies was suspended.

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EU ramps up pressure on Myanmar

Heavy rains pelted homeless cyclone survivors in Myanmar's Irrawaddy delta yesterday, complicating the

shelters

» Canada will send emergency shelter kits to aid survivors of Myanmar's cyclone.

already slow delivery of aid to more than 1.5 million people facing hunger and disease.

As more foreign aid trickled in, the European Union called on the military junta to allow entry to aid workers to help victims avert "an even greater tragedy."

The UN says more than 1.5 million people are struggling to survive and up to 100,000 are dead.

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60 killed as bombs rip through city in India

Seven bombs ripped through the crowded streets of India's western city of Jaipur yesterday evening, killing around 60 people in markets and outside Hindu temples.

The bombs, many strapped to bicycles, exploded within minutes of each other in Jaipur's pink walled city, a magnet for foreign tourists.

It was the deadliest bomb attack in India in nearly two years.

Around 150 people were wounded and local television stations broadcast appeals for blood donations.

Police officers said no

group had admitted responsibility for the blasts. Television channels quoted government and intelligence officials as blaming Pakistani or Bangladeshi Islamist militant groups.

"According to the information I have received 60 people have died and 150 have been injured," Rajasthan's chief minister Vasundhara Raje said.

Officials said the apparent motive for the bombs was to undermine a peace process between India and Pakistan or foment communal violence in India.

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In Brief

» **PEACE** Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said yesterday that he and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas had reached "understandings and points of agreement" on some key issues in U.S.-backed peace talks.

» **OLMERT** Israeli police said they raided the offices of a government ministry yesterday, confiscating documents as part of a bribery investigation that has put Prime Minister Ehud Olmert under pressure to resign.

» **NUCLEAR** Iran will soon put forward new proposals to resolve its dispute with the West over its nuclear program, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said yesterday. But he also made clear the Islamic Republic would not bow to UN demands and suspend uranium enrichment activity.

» **DEPRESSION** More than 2 million U.S. teenagers have suffered a serious bout of depression in the past year, a new survey suggests.

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Rona's profit declines 90%

Rona Inc., the country's biggest Canadian-owned home improvement retailer, said severe winter storms, especially in Ontario and Quebec, contributed to a nearly 90 per cent decline in profits in the previous three-month period as construction and renovation activity stalled.

"The results for first quarter 2008 reflect the strong drop in consumer confidence in the

Alberta effect

» A temporary slowdown in demand for building materials in Alberta also hurt Rona's performance, the company said.

country's economic growth," said Rona's president and chief executive officer.

The company said it earned \$1 million, or 1 cent a share, in the three months ended March 30. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

»news In Brief

» **CRUDE** Oil surged to a record peak near \$127 US before settling at \$125.80 US after OPEC producer Iran said it was studying a plan to cut output. **REUTERS**



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Feds OK Enbridge pipelines

Enbridge Inc. said yesterday the Canadian government has approved its planned Alberta Clipper and Southern Lights pipeline projects.

Enbridge, Canada's No. 2 pipeline firm, said Ottawa's

approval of the two lines will help with obtaining final clearance for construction from Canada's National Energy Board, though some approvals from U.S. regulators are still pending. **REUTERS**

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Former Detroit Red Wings star Steve Yzerman, left, boxer Lennox Lewis and speedskater Marc Gagnon are among this year's class of inductees, announced yesterday, for Canada's Sports Hall of Fame. METRO EDMONTON

»sports In Brief

» **MLB** U.S. federal prosecutors have filed a new indictment against slugger Barry Bonds. Bonds was charged with 14 counts of lying to a grand jury and one count of obstruction that he denied knowingly taking illegal performance-enhancing drugs.

» **NBA** Richard Hamilton scored 31 points as the Detroit Pistons moved into the Eastern Conference finals for a sixth-straight year by holding on for a 91-86 victory last night over the Orlando Magic to win the best-of-seven series 4-1. METRO NEWS SERVICES

SCOREBOARD

NHL

CONFERENCE FINALS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

PHILADELPHIA VS. PITTSBURGH

Game 3 — Last night
Pittsburgh 4 Philadelphia 1

Game 4 — Tomorrow
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 5:30
(Pittsburgh leads series 3-0)

WESTERN CONFERENCE

DALLAS VS. DETROIT

Game 4 — Tonight
Detroit at Dallas, 6

*Game 5 — Saturday
Dallas at Detroit, 11:30
(Detroit leads series 3-0)
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NBA

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

BOSTON VS. CLEVELAND

Game 5 — Tonight
Cleveland at Boston, 6

Game 6 — Friday
Boston at Cleveland, 6
(Series tied 2-2)

DETROIT VS. ORLANDO

Game 5 — Last night
Detroit 91 Orlando 86
(Detroit wins series 4-1)

WESTERN CONFERENCE

L.A. LAKERS VS. UTAH

Game 5 — Tonight
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 8:30

Game 6 — Friday
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 8:30
(Series tied 2-2)

NEW ORLEANS VS. SAN ANTONIO

Game 5 — Last night
New Orleans 101 San Antonio 79

Game 6 — Tomorrow
New Orleans at San Antonio, TBA
(New Orleans leads series 3-2)
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MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Cleveland 4 Oakland 0

Baltimore 5 Boston 4

Tampa Bay 2 N.Y. Yankees 1 (11 innings)

Toronto 5 Minnesota 3

Texas 5 Seattle 2

Kansas City 3 Detroit 2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia 5 Atlanta 4

N.Y. Mets 6 Washington 3

Cincinnati 5 Florida 3

San Diego 4 Chicago Cubs 3

Milwaukee 5 L.A. Dodgers 3

Pittsburgh 8 St. Louis 4

Arizona 8 Colorado 4

Houston at San Francisco

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Seattle at Texas, 12:05

Boston at Baltimore, 1:05

Oakland at Cleveland, 5:05

N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 5:10

Toronto at Minnesota, 6:10

Detroit at Kansas City, 6:10

Chicago Sox at L.A. Angels, 8:05

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Atlanta at Philadelphia, 5:05

Washington at N.Y. Mets, 5:10

Florida at Cincinnati, 5:10

San Diego at Chicago Cubs, 6:05

L.A. Dodgers at Milwaukee, 6:05

Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 6:15

Colorado at Arizona, 7:40

Houston at San Francisco, 8:15

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QUARTER-FINALS

TODAY'S GAMES

AT QUEBEC CITY

Russia vs. Switzerland, 11

Sweden vs. Czech Republic, 5:15

AT HALIFAX

Canada vs. Norway, 1:30

Finland vs. U.S., 5:15

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CHAMPION'S CUP

Saturday

Portland at Buffalo, 5:30

Pens close in on final

Pittsburgh uses defence to take commanding lead

PENGUINS 4 FLYERS 1

Marian Hossa scored twice, including the game-winner, as the Pittsburgh Penguins topped the Flyers 4-1 in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals last night in Philadelphia.

Ryan Whitney and Ryan Malone also lit the lamp for the Penguins, who improved to 11-1 in the postseason and are one win away from reaching the Stanley Cup Final for the first time since 1992.

Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 17-of-18 shots to record the win.

R.J. Umberger tallied for the Flyers, who are facing an 0-3 series deficit for the first time since falling to the Detroit Red Wings in a four-game Cup Final sweep in 1997.

Martin Biron surrendered three goals on 24 shots.

Game 4 is slated for tomorrow in Philadelphia.

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Flyers centre Mike Richards is checked hard by Pittsburgh Penguins star Sidney Crosby last night during Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals in Philadelphia.

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Expert dispels maple myths

Baseball's Battle of Bats starts next week.

That's when major-league executives will formally ask players to stop stepping to the plate with maple bats. The execs will ask them to use ash bats instead.

The requests, of course, will be denied by the players' association since nearly half the hitters in MLB — including the Blue Jays' Vernon Wells — prefer maple. It's been this way since Ottawa manufacturer Sam Holman first introduced maple bats to sluggers such as Joe Carter and Barry Bonds late last decade. Many feel maple bats are harder than ash bats and enhance their power and hitting abilities.

As reported here yesterday, however, MLB wants to abolish maple bats because of concerns that they're shattering too frequently and endangering lives.

What we didn't mention yesterday is that a researcher hired by MLB has found that maple is actually no better for batters than ash.



YORK REPORT
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"The two woods are essentially the same at batted-ball speeds," said Jim Sherwood of the Baseball Research Centre at the University of Massachusetts. "Maple has no advantage in getting a longer hit over an ash bat."

Sherwood also discovered that, while ash bats crack, maple bats snap, causing sharp-ended barrels to fly often and unpredictably.

Armed with Sherwood's information, MLB will tell the union that safety should come first and that maple bats must go.

"We'll meet on this," union chief Don Fehr acknowledged. "We'll look at it in good faith."

Yeah, right. This is a battle that'll become a war.

» Snicker over this tidbit if you'd like, (although it's really no funnier than the preseason prediction by analyst/homer Rance Mulliniks that the woebegone Jays would win the World Series this year): A source hears manager John Gibbons gets axed soon and replaced by — brace yourself — ex-skipper Cito Gaston, who'll try to pass on his hitting wisdom ... In Florida, the Tampa Bay Rays are for real, for sure, but the Marlins? Not so much. They're winning, granted, but only three of their victories in the season's first quarter were against above-.500 teams, and they're 8-1 against the hapless Washington Nationals ... The Nats were so elated with their 10-4 victory over the Mets Monday that "they were cheerleading in the dugout like a bunch of softball girls," according to New York pitcher Nelson Figueroa.

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Couples rate Nissan Rogue

Driving event puts compact crossover to test

Six Canadian couples, representative of the new Nissan Rogue's target market, experienced what professional auto writers take for granted recently, when they were invited to drive the compact crossover and give their impressions of it.

Their "Rogue Weekend" began with an advanced driving course at the PMG Technologies skidpad near Montréal, and concluded with an extensive two-day test drive to Ottawa over a variety of back roads and highways in real winter conditions.

It began to snow as the group arrived at PMG Technologies where they were met by professional racing driver-turned-instructor, Guy Lahaie of Trois Rivières, Que.

Lahaie's mission: To teach the group advanced driving skills with the focus on skid control, proper use of the anti-

lock braking system, and collision avoidance techniques.

As the snowfall intensified, the drivers took turns through the various courses and with each consecutive pass, their confidence and skill levels rose.

From Blainville, the group motored to Chateau Montebello where they anticipated a challenging drive to Ottawa the next morning through spectacular Laurentian Mountains scenery.

Sean Kavanaugh of Burlington, Ont., liked the steering wheel's wide range of position

settings, large print and easily identifiable switches and controls, while his wife, Allison, especially liked the heated seats and seatbacks.

« We purposefully drove over bumps to get a feel for the ride comfort level and the bumps felt almost non-existent. »

Ally Isted of Burlington, Ont.

Six-foot tall Ally Isted, also of Burlington, found entering and exiting the vehicle "extremely easy."

Everything important was easily within reach for Eva Choe of Toronto, who liked the seat warmers and the large, round knobs for the heating and air conditioning.

Jeff Chan of Hamilton of-



Nissan Rogue

ferred kudos for "great seats and height adjustments on the non-powered front seat in his tester."

For Frank Verrilli of Toronto: "The radio controls in the steering wheel make it easier for the single driver, as well as safer."

"We purposely drove over bumps to get a feel for the ride comfort level," said Ally Isted, "and the bumps felt almost non-existent."

All around visibility was "quite good," said Mat Rodriguez, though the view directly rearward was restricted by the "smallish back window," a point noted by more than half of the drivers.

Tammy Chan found the brakes quick to respond, and weren't too touchy. "The steering wheel felt like a true exten-

sion of my arms," she said.

Said hubby Jeff, "the ride is slightly stiff, but I'll take that over a tall vehicle that wants to lean in the corners."

The Vehicle Dynamic Control "made a huge difference" during the car control exercises, said Monika Bujalska of Toronto. Even through slalom cones on snow and ice, "the vehicle responds remarkably to steering commands."

Oscar Valencia, who moved to Canada from Colombia nine years ago, noted that a big part of driving in Canada "is doing it in snowy conditions, and this car responded perfectly."

"When I slammed on the brakes, I was still in control and was able to steer where I wanted to go," said Allison Kavanaugh.



The continuously variable transmission was a unanimous hit. "Totally seamless and extremely smooth," pronounced Oscar Valencia. "I'm sold," said Jeff Chan.

Tammy Chan found back-seat room "nice and tall with lots of leg room. We could easily load up our kids and their three hockey bags."

Several drivers noted that the front passenger seatback flipped forward a tad too

forcefully when unlatched.

In the end, the Rogue received high marks all around, with 75 per cent of the drivers saying it exceeded their expectations, and the remaining quarter saying it met theirs.

Thirty-three per cent (four drivers) rated the Rogue as "excellent" value for money and 50 per cent viewed it as "above average." Two drivers called it "good" value.

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Q&A with Nissan Canada president Mark Grimm

» **CARGUIDE:** What sets the new Nissan Rogue apart from the small crossover-utility segment?
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make it affordable to buy and inexpensive to operate. Rogue's combination of style, versatile utility and on-road performance make it a superior choice. It offers a full complement of standard safety equipment, including ABS brakes, vehicle dynamic control (VDC) and front, side and curtain supplemental airbags. Its roomy interior and innovative utility fea-

tures mean that it is ready to handle day-to-day journeys or multi-week adventures.
» **CG:** What are the vehicle's main selling points?
MG: The Rogue's exterior was designed to present an image of modern sophistication ... With its driver-focused cockpit, combined with state of the art technology, like intuitive All-Wheel Drive, Xtronic CVT, Bluetooth hands-

free phone system and paddle shifters, it will shift the way customers think about small crossovers. It comes packed with a long list of standard safety features like front seat-mounted side-impact and roof-mounted curtain supplemental air bags, anti-lock braking system, stability control (VDC), traction control, tire pressure monitoring and more.



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METRO WORLD NEWS

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

Travel back to the revolution

Old English town held reins to industry in 1800s

By EMMA E FORREST
Metro World News

If you have ever wondered what it would have been like to live in Britain during the Industrial Revolution, then visit Blists Hill Victorian Town in Shropshire, England.

You can truly step back in time at Blists Hill. It's just one of nine museums in the Ironbridge area — including the Jackfield Tile Museum, Coalport China Museum, Museum of Iron and the Iron Bridge itself, the world's first cast iron bridge, built in 1779 over the River Severn — that showcase the best of the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution. Located in the heart of England, the area is considered so historically important that it is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Each building in the Victorian town dates from the 1800s and has been carefully transported to the village and reconstructed brick by brick to recreate a small industrial town toward the end of



The Iron Bridge was first opened in 1781. Left, visitors walk across the bridge, and right, blacksmithing at Blists Hill.



need to know

» Blacksmithing Experience Days cost £100 (about \$200 Cdn) per person including all materials, a pub lunch and refreshments. Visit ironbridge.org.uk.

» Where to stay: The White Hart, Ironbridge. A spacious pub with stylish contemporary décor. For more, go to

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» Where to eat: The Drapers Hall, Shrewsbury. A staggering black and white building built in 1576 as a meeting place for the local guild of drapers merchants. See shrewsburydrapers.org.uk. METRO WORLD NEWS

Queen Victoria's reign.

Guides in costume and in character breathe life into

these immaculately recreated shops, workplaces and homes, offering an astound-

ing insight into what life was like more than 100 years ago.

Turn your pounds into shillings in the Victorian Lloyds bank and leave contemporary England behind. Treat yourself to a bag of candy from the sweet shop, buy some freshly baked bread and see what's on offer in the grocers, chemists, candle makers and printers for all your turn of the century needs.

At lunchtime, you can send your children off to the

school, where they will be taught a lesson, Victorian-style, with chalk and blackboard, by a strict and smartly dressed head teacher. Meanwhile, you can nip off for a pint of traditional ale in the wood-panelled Victorian pub, where the locals gather round the piano for an old-fashioned singalong.

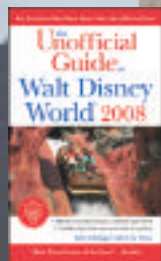
If you want you can even be Victorian and actively participate in the experience. Enrol in the blacksmithing course — the wrought iron

works at Blists Hill is the only working iron foundry in Europe — and you'll be taught how to heat iron and steel until it is white hot before hammering it into shape on the anvil. Using traditional blacksmithing skills you'll be taught how to make objects including a fire poker, leaf key ring and coat hook. It's serious work, though, with amateur blacksmiths feeling the heat and developing giant blisters on their hands as they hammer repeatedly at the iron rod to knock it into shape.

Despite the hard labour, it's a course people find creative, inspiring and rewarding. As most of us urban types don't actually get to make anything after school age — we just buy things then throw them away — most people find it satisfying to put time into producing something useful and durable in the blacksmithing course.

And with the world's current problems of environmental sustainability in mind, it's also one of the interesting things about visiting Blists Hill, and learning about how the Victorians lived.

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julia's tips

» Guy Hobbs, author of *Hands-On Holidays* (a comprehensive guide book to volunteer opportunities) of-

fers the following advice:

» When you're deciding between organizations, be sure to get a personal recommendation. An organization that is sure of the

quality of its projects will willingly put you in touch with former participants for the real low-down on what life is like at the project.

» Try to seek out organiza-

tions that work with just a few partners. Those that offer hundreds of placements in many countries are unlikely to have visited and vetted every single project.

Volunteer on vacation

Voluntourism gives foreigners a chance to help

In our world of beaten-track travel, many tourists are looking for alternative holiday experiences where they can learn about local culture while giving back. "Voluntourism," as it is now known, is a growing trend that blends volunteer work with travel. It's a chance for foreigners to pitch in, get their hands dirty and help the local community.

Here are a few interesting opportunities to earn some Karma credits:

COMMUNITY CARE

Global Volunteers is a non-profit, non-religious organization specializing in short-term volunteer placements across 21 countries. Care for orphaned children in Romania, build playgrounds in Jamaica or work on an organic coffee co-operative in Costa Rica. For more information, visit www.globalvolunteers.org.

ANIMAL AID

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cific Coast of Costa Rica, tourists can take part in hands-on conservation programs that monitor and secure turtle nesting beaches. Visit www.tortugamarina.org

HANDS-ON

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Megan Mullally, left, has signed on to play Alicia Silverstone's mom in ABC's new fall comedy *Bad Mother's Handbook*.

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Farina apologizes for gun arrest

PEOPLE Dennis Farina has issued a public apology following his arrest for felony weapons possession charges, imdb.com reports.

The actor was arrested at Los Angeles International Airport on Sunday morning after a loaded gun was found in his briefcase. He was released on Sunday night after posting \$35,000 US bail.

"I apologize to anyone and everyone that I have caused any embarrassment or inconvenience to," Farina said. "It is my own stupidity to find myself in this ... situation."

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Bye bye bachelorhood

Grant's fiancée wins him over by being herself

By SANDY CAETANO for Metro Edmonton

The age-old advice of just being yourself certainly worked in the case of Shayne Dahl Lamas.

The 22-year-old actress captured the heart of Matt Grant, the bachelor on *The Bachelor: London Calling*, and the couple are now engaged.

"She's just so kind and caring and considerate about all her friends and family — she's also very confident and strong herself," said Grant, a global financier from London. "It's quite rare in

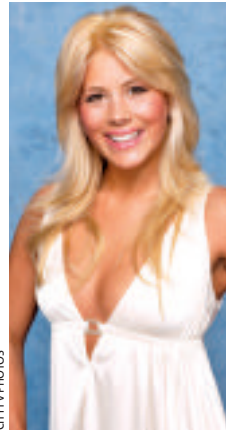
Britain to have that balance without being arrogant and cocky and full of yourself."

Unlike the last season of *The Bachelor*, where the man looking for love ended up not choosing anyone, this season's suitor popped the question to his special lady.

Grant proposed to Lamas on Monday night's finale of the reality show with a 2.85-carat Tacori platinum and diamond eternity ring (an estimated value of \$60,000 US) — and she said yes.

All throughout *The Bachelor: London Calling*, Grant, the first-ever British bachelor, has let the world know he's crazy about American women.

Lamas, the daughter of actor Lorenzo Lamas, proved to Grant she was the



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Shayne Dahl Lamas and Matt Grant.

real deal by being herself every moment they were together, be it alone or surrounded by the other women vying for a piece of his heart. The 22-year-old



actress also endured a dirty and physical game of rugby with the other contestants in the bid to gain his love.

So what was it that caught her eye besides

Grant's looks and charm?

"First of all he's handsome, and if you ever are in his presence his aura and his presence is just unbelievable, he's just amazing," said Lamas. "Just being in the same room with him, I mean his friends even say the same thing — and he's very tall, too (six-foot-five), that's great for short women because they can wear high heels."

The couple plans on travelling a bit, and having homes in Los Angeles and in London, since they each have family in both places.

As for a wedding date, nothing has been set. Grant and Lamas want to spend some time getting to know each other better before tying the knot.

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Mel C sports new sound

Spice Girl tours Canada in support of new solo disc

By IAN NATHANSON
for Metro Edmonton

Ask Melanie Chisholm whether she prefers to be a touring Spice Girl or a touring solo artist and the answer might come as some surprise.

"The Spice Girls are so much fun — it's amazing to perform to so many people and be so high-profile. It's what dreams are made of," says the amiable 34-year-old Brit better known as — pick one — Melanie C, Mel C or Sporty Spice.

"But my heart is in my solo work now. I get to do more of what I want to do."

Before last summer's Spice Girls reunion announcement, Melanie C reportedly hesitated at the thought of any reunion. Yet mere months after her fourth studio album, *This Time*, was issued overseas, there was Chisholm joining her former Girl Power partners Victoria Beckham (Posh Spice), Melanie Brown (Scary Spice), Emma Bunton (Baby Spice) and even Geri Halliwell (Ginger Spice) delivering news



Spice Girl Melanie C is set to play The Starlite Room tonight.

of a reunion and subsequent tour, which began in Vancouver last December and wrapped up in Toronto in late February.

"All my fears about getting back together with the girls,

about how things would work out on stage ... none of those ever came about," she says. "It was frighteningly easy to slip back into those shoes. I guess because we're all so much older and had taken a step

away from it, we really respect and enjoy each other more now than we ever did."

It remains a question mark whether any further Spice Girls performances will materialize. So, for now, Melanie C has downsized from the Spice Girls' arena-sized spectacle — glamorous costume changes, dance routines and all — to just being one singer fronting a band for her tour in support of last month's North American release of *This Time*.

"It's odd and does take a while to feel balanced again," Melanie C says of the adjustment. "But overall, playing so many gigs in tinier venues or in festivals makes you a better performer and you become far more confident on stage. That's always been my reason I wanted to be a solo artist."

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Pop star Madonna will not attend the final court ruling on her request to adopt a Malawian child because she is busy with other engagements, her lawyer said yesterday. The High Court is expected to approve Madonna's bid to adopt David Banda, 2, at a final session tomorrow.

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television



Rapaport lands Prison Break role

CASTING Michael Rapaport has landed a role in Fox's Prison Break.

The actor is joining the drama as a series regular for its upcoming fourth season. He will play a government agent who has an interesting offer for Michael Scofield (Wentworth Miller) and his brother, death-row inmate Lincoln Burrows (Dominic Purcell).

Rapaport has had a recurring role on NBC's My Name Is Earl.

television

Seacrest produces Momma's Boy

NEW SERIES Mothers will get to choose brides for their sons on a new reality series from NBC and American Idol host Ryan Seacrest.

In Momma's Boy, a group of "controlling mothers," their eligible "complacent sons" and several brides-to-be live together under one roof. Some of the potential brides are "nice girls" while others, as the press release states, "might not be as appealing to the mothers."

The series is planned for early fall.

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Welcome to the killing fields

BRING OUT YOUR DEAD:

The current TV season is ringing down, and like any decent Shakespeare play, the stage is littered with bodies. The networks are trying to lighten the tone of this downbeat little drama by announcing new shows and renewals at the same time, but there's no denying that it's a dismal end to a dispiriting year, and that there are some people (well, just me, probably) who think that they'd do just as well to nuke their whole primetime schedules and start all over again with a kind of broadcast year zero.

ABC leads the list this year with an impressive body count, tallied up conveniently by the Los Angeles Times. There's a lot of what you'd expect — Cave-



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men is gone, as is Carpoolers, Big Shots, October Road and Miss Guided. Cashmere Mafia, Women's Murder Club and Men In Trees are also among the fallen, as is — cue shock chords — Oprah's Big Give, which was dropped at the request of Oprah Winfrey herself. "We loved that show and absolutely would have loved to bring it back," ABC entertainment president Steve McPherson

told the Hollywood Reporter. "But it was something (Oprah) didn't want to do."

The network is taking Scrubs over from NBC, and says they have 17 new pilots in development for midseason launch, which promises to make September on ABC look pretty quiet, but it may turn out that other networks are going to make an equally soft start on the fall TV season.

ABC's casualty list is as large as Fox and CBS combined, neither of which contain many surprises, either, except for Fox' axing of Back To You, the newsroom comedy starring Kelsey Grammar and Patricia Heaton.

Grammar, it turns out, had to find out about his

show's termination from Nikki Finke's L.A. Weekly blog, and posed with an impromptu memorial erected by fans outside Fox's offices, though

Finke reported that CBS is rumoured to be interested in picking up the show. Canterbury's Law, New Amsterdam and The Return Of Jezebel James are gone at Fox, while CBS has done a higher profile housecleaning, killing off Jericho — at last — as well as Shark, Moonlight, Cane and Welcome To The Captain, the latter show bearing the not-so-unusual distinction of being a program I've never heard of until now.

NBC has cut Las Vegas



Oprah

and Journeyman from its schedule, and finally confirmed that they can't rebuild Bionic Woman, and the CW has dropped Girl- friends and

Aliens In America. Britney Spears' well-publicized cameos on How I Met Your Mother is apparently a big reason for the show's renewal, and among the shows reprieved for another year are titles like Boston Legal, Rules Of Engagement, The New Adventures Of Old Christine and According To Jim, which is proof of life after death, if nothing else.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera. He walked 47 miles of barbed wire and has a cobra snake for a necktie.

critics' corner

Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom

Indy (Harrison Ford) is back in the 1984 sequel to "Raiders of the Lost Ark." This time, he's in search of mythical stones that are the source of a village's prosperity. Accompanying him in his quest is a pint-sized kid (Ke Huy Quan, "The Goonies") with a bad case of hero worship and a nightclub singer (Kate Capshaw) who screams at everything. Amrish Puri co-stars as the hairless leader of a blood-thirsty cult. 8 PM on CITV



Jerusalem 1948: A War From Three Sides

In 1947, all heck broke loose — well, more heck, anyway. That's when the U.N. decided to break Palestine into one Jewish state and one Arab state, with Jerusalem being an international zone. What happened instead was a bitter battle for the holy city. The siege eventually ended in 1948, and Israel became a reality. This documentary presents three views of the situation: British, Palestinian and Israeli. 12 PM on HIST

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Wedding bells for Cynthia?



Sex And The City: The Movie star Cynthia Nixon wants to wed her partner Christine Marinoni — because gay weddings are “rebellious,” imdb.com reports. The actress began dating Marinoni in 2004, and rumours surfaced last month the pair would marry later this year in a low key ceremony. But Nixon, 42, admits she’s never been keen on marriage in the past — although she would consider wedding Marioni because it would be an act of rebellion. She says, “It (marriage) is something my girlfriend is interested in and it was not something my boyfriend (Danny Mozer, with who she split after 15 years together) ever was. I think that to get married to her would be a little act of rebellion. It’s like if you’ve never had the vote and then you get it you’re going to run out there and vote. I always avoided marriage in the past and was very wary of it. I felt like it was potentially a trap. People sometimes want the party, the gifts, and the public celebration of this big love — they’re excited about that rather than the life commitment. So I always stayed clear of it.”

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007 cursed, psychic says

A top psychic has urged the producers of the new James Bond movie *Quantum Of Solace* to change the Halloween release date of the film — or risk encouraging more bad luck, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Dean “Midas” Maynard, who uses supernatural powers to help sports teams and celebrities over slumps, has offered his help to 007 Daniel Craig and the crew of the film. He believes the recent accidents, which have dogged the Bond sets in South America and Europe, are part of a curse that hangs over the film. He insists Amy Winehouse’s two arrests in two weeks is linked to the Bond curse, because she has been recording a potential theme for *Quantum Of Solace*. Maynard says, “The movie set suffered three car crashes in five days, one critical and a technician working on the movie was stabbed with a steak knife in a domestic dispute on Tuesday. It’s clear what is going on here and I would be honoured to come to the help of James Bond and help the team get things back on track.”

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Beyoncé’s weight gain spurs baby rumours

Beyoncé Knowles, who still won’t confirm her April 4 wedding to Jay-Z, is also keeping quiet about whether or not she is pregnant, PageSix.com reports.

Friends of the tight-lipped newlyweds say the songbird is expecting the couple’s first child. “She has gained a lot of pregnancy weight,” a source said.

A rep for Knowles said, “I don’t know if she’s pregnant. Let me perform an ultrasound and get back to you.”



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Tony, Jessica split?

According to starmagazine.com, while partying with several Eastern Illinois alumni on the weekend, Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo revealed he and Jessica Simpson are on the outs, reports Chicago gossip blog *These Boots Are Made for Stalking*.

“He told us they broke up and that was that,” Romo’s pal told the blog.

Romo made the most of his boys’ weekend — from seeing a Chicago Cubs game to boozing at local hotspots.

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Charlize upset with film fans

Oscar winner Charlize Theron has hit out at film fans, claiming modern audiences are obsessed with “fluff” femalefirst.co.uk reports. The actress is bitter her most recent movie *The Valley Of Elah* underperformed at the box office and is frustrated she can’t find more roles playing strong women, like in 2005’s *North Country*, and *Monster*, which won her a Best Actress Oscar in 2004.

Theron says, “I asked Michael Seitzman, who wrote *North Country*, ‘Why don’t you write these kind of stories more; these roles for women?’ He said, ‘There isn’t the demand for it.’ ... We’ve become completely fluff obsessed.”

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Ashlee, Pete to tie knot on Saturday

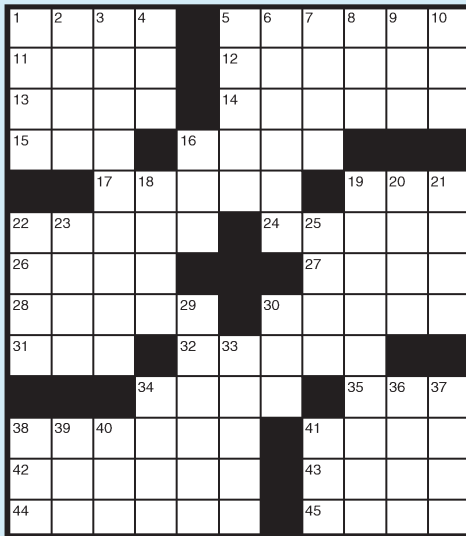
Ashlee Simpson and Pete Wentz will wed on Saturday, according to the latest U.S. reports, says imdb.com. The pop couple was rumoured to be planning a ceremony for this Friday, but now *Us Weekly* magazine claims Simpson will become Mrs. Wentz on Saturday. The location, time and all other details are being kept a closely guarded secret. A source

close to the pair tells the publication, “Proper invites have not been sent out but guests have been given a save-the-date notice.” A rehearsal dinner, for “family and close friends only,” will take place on Friday. The couple announced their engagement in April and Simpson is rumoured to be pregnant with her fiancé’s child.

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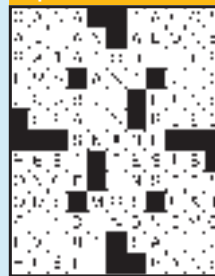
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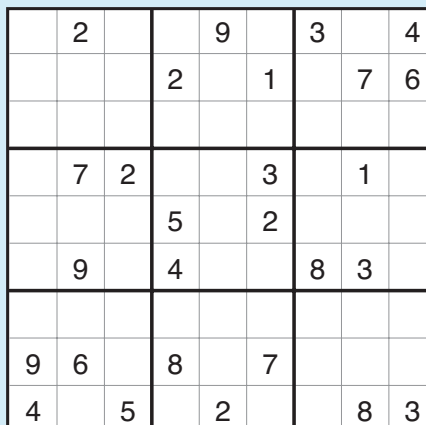
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Genius
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 Smart
 Pretty good
 Keep practising

previous answer

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ARIES | March 21-April 20

Surprising news comes by mail. Prepare for allergies to flare up. You might think it's too late for forgiveness.



TAURUS | April 21-May 21

A senior's safety measures should be updated. Expect a price change – buy now. Do not walk through dark places by yourself.



GEMINI | May 22-June 21

A dispute will lead the way to an agreement. Look into discovering how to prosper. Refuse to be a mediator on a proposal.



CANCER | June 22-July 22

A disgraced visitor has much to say. A man causes confusion to burst out. A moody dictator limits time spent in contemplation.



LEO | July 23-Aug. 23

Others will need a lesson in compassion. Whining about chores takes up too much energy. Someone fails to show up when needed.



VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Get your emotions under control. Arrogance causes feelings of inadequacy. Get down to basics with an impractical negotiator.



LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23

Provide sanity for an oblivious person. A friend has guilt about a crisis. Better news comes about finances.



SCORPIO | Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Frankness is the best approach in a love affair. Have a nap, if you get the chance. Dreadful dreams lead to a thorny dilemma.



SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Look before you leap in your love life. Someone opens your eyes to a paradigm shift. Opportunities will give you a new way of life.



CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

A stressful ruling will create resentment. Worry about a job can be reduced by consultation. Being fond of someone will amaze you.



AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Exhaustion will result if you don't let up. Less is more in a relationship. Don't stubbornly insist on following orders.



PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Emotional difficulties will persist if someone else calls the shots. A sweet rascal spends money like crazy.

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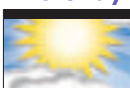
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Tonight



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Thursday



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Friday



Variable.
20° / 11°

Saturday



Cloudy.
19° / 9°



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